

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 12-13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 2 is a section view on II-II of FIG. 1; and

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 14-18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGS. 3A and 3B are respectively a longitudinal section view and a cross-section view of the FIG. 1 blade shown diagrammatically together with a diagrammatic representation of the profile of a prior art blade drawn in dashed lines[.]; and

Please add the following new paragraph at page 5, line 19:

FIG. 3C is a longitudinal section view of a blade with a forward swept tip portion shown together with a diagrammatic representation of the profile of a prior art blade drawn in dashed lines.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 1-15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Where necessary, in a variant of the invention, provision can also be made to cause the tip sections of the blade to tilt forwards (shown in FIG. 3C ~~not shown in the figures~~) so as to improve the mechanical behavior of the blade. The tip sections 28' of the blade are situated in an upper zone of the top portion 28 of the blade lying in the range 80% to 100% of its radial height. This forward tilt of the tip sections thus corresponds to a forward longitudinal angle of inclination γ of the leading edge line in this zone. For example, this angle of inclination γ may lie in the range 5° to 20°. This local tilt in the tip sections 28' has

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the advantage of balancing the blade while limiting differences between the centers of gravity of the blade sections, but without thereby affecting the aero-acoustic performance of the blade geometry.